HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 129

By Terry

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Helen H. "Tootie" Haskins on being honored by the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are honored to recognize those individuals who dedicate themselves to serving the needs of this State and its citizens, committing their time and energies to improving the quality of life for Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Helen H. "Tootie" Haskins, who serves as an exemplar of lifelong volunteerism and her contributions to the Republican Party have been honored by the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women is a grassroots, volunteer political group that works throughout the State to promote Republican values and help Republican candidates gain election to office; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Haskins's career began more than three decades ago when she worked as an aide on Capitol Hill; in 1980, she joined the staff of former Senator Ben Atchley; and

WHEREAS, since her retirement in 2004, Ms. Haskins has rendered sterling service as a member of the State Capitol Commission and the Executive Committee of the Davidson County Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Haskins has given tirelessly to officeholders, campaigns, and potential candidates, and she has been a close friend and confidante to elected officials across

Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Ms. Haskins serves as an ambassador of The Shepherd Center Society's Nashville Chapter, which supports United States service men and women who suffer with posttraumatic stress disorder and other brain injuries; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Haskins is an inspiration to all who know her, and her dedication to improving the lives of Tennesseans and her sterling service are worthy of recognition by this body; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that Ms. Haskins be recognized for her commitment to public service and her lasting legacy to the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize Helen H. "Tootie" Haskins for her many contributions, applaud her tireless service to the State of Tennessee and its citizens, commend her on her recent recognition by the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women, and extend our best wishes for her every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.